

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01

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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5698

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0427

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MNOL, PFOR, MZ, UR

SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN SHIP DEPARTS AFTER UNLOADING ARMOR IN  
MOZAMBIQUE

REF: MAPUTO 394

1. SS PRIGNITZ, AN EAST GERMAN VESSEL WHICH ARRIVED AT  
MAPUTO HARBOR ON APRIL 12 WITH A CONSIGNMENT OF HEAVY ARMOR,  
DEPARTED MAPUTO APRIL 15. AS NEAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, PRIGNITZ  
OFFLOADED BETWEEN 30 AND 50 ARMORED VEHICLES ON NIGHTS OF  
APRIL 12 AND 13. VEHICLES WERE OF THREE TYPES: T34 TANKS, MOBILE  
ASSAULT GUNS (I.E. HOWITZERS ON HALF TRACK VEHICLES), AND  
ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS. (VISITING WESTERN JOURNALIST TOLD  
EMBOFF THAT HE SAW SEVERAL NEW T54 TANKS, BUT THIS HAS NOT  
BEEN CONFIRMED BY ANY OTHER SOURCE.) MAJORITY OF VEHICLES WERE T34  
TANKS, SOME OF WHICH WERE OBSERVED BY EMBOFFS AND OTHER WESTERN  
DIPLOMATS. ASSAULT GUNS NUMBERED ONLY THREE OR FOUR.

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WM RELIABLE LOCAL SHIPPING AGENT INFORMED US THAT MOST VEHICLES  
WERE DRIVEN BY EUROPEANS, PRESUMABLY EAST GERMANS, RUSSIANS OR  
CUBANS AND THAT PRIGNITZ WAS NOW PROCEEDING TO BEIRA TO OFF-  
LOAD ADDITIONAL CARGO.  
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